

whereas MnO₂ catalyst did not initiate such a reaction (MnO₂ is a preferred catalyst in Oroskar et al.).

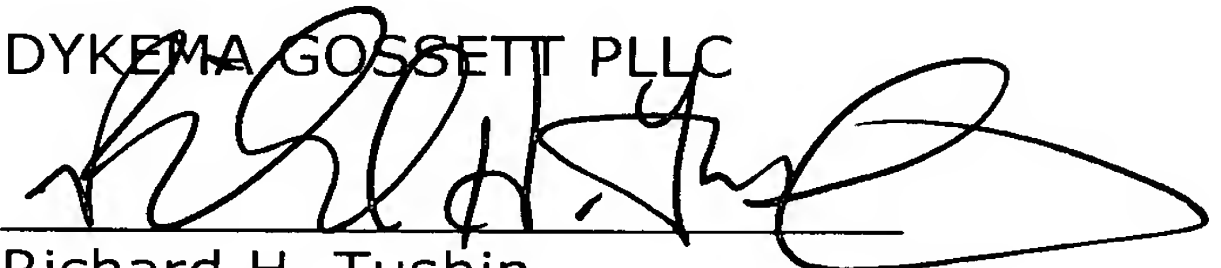
It is asserted that these experimental results support the applicant's argument that Oroskar et al. cannot be relied upon to suggest the claimed invention.

Favorable reconsideration is requested.

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